

USER AGREEMENT FOR DEFENSE ATTORNEYS RECEIVING COPIES OF OFFENSE REPORTS, DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The District Attorney's Office expects all defense attorneys, or investigators, experts, consulting legal counsel, and other agents of the attorney for the defendant, to be aware of the following restrictions and responsibilities. This list of restrictions and responsibilities is incorporated into and considered part of the District Attorney's Discovery Policy.

Defense attorneys may not make a request for or receive a copy of an offense report, document, or other information related to a case unless the attorney has been formally retained or appointed to represent the defendant in the case.

Defense attorneys should be aware that the District Attorney's Office does not waive any claim of work product privilege or any exception under the Open Records Act by the disclosure of discovery under this policy, and intends to protect from disclosure all records covered by any exception in the law.

Defense attorneys are responsible for informing their employees or agents of the restrictions contained within this policy with respect to the dissemination of information contained in the offense report or other discovery provided by the District Attorney's Office, and ensuring that those employees and agents abide by the restrictions.

Defense attorneys receiving discovery should be aware that there may be documents or other information available for review or examination in the District Attorney's file or possession for which copies are not provided.

Defense attorneys must comply with the restrictions set out in Article 39.14 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure governing the disclosure and redaction of the discovery provided.

The District Attorney's Office may redact or withhold privileged information, partially discoverable information, or other information made confidential by law, to the extent authorized by Article 39.14 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Under Article 39.14, the defendant has the option of requesting that the Court conduct a hearing to determine whether any withholding or redaction is justified under Article 39.14 or other law.

Defense attorneys or any person working for the attorney, may not provide victim or witness contact information received through discovery to the defendant, the defendant's family, or any other non-expert witness, without a court order permitting the disclosure, except as provided by Article 39.14(g).

Any defense attorney that violates this policy or any of these responsibilities is subject to any and all sanctions allowed by law.

I have read and understand the District Attorney's Discovery Policy and my responsibilities under the policy, and I agree to abide by it. As required by Article 39.14 (f), I understand that before allowing a person to view a document or witness statement of another, I must redact the address, telephone number, driver's license number, social security number, date of birth and any bank account or other identifying numbers contained in the document or witness statement. I understand that there are possible sanctions which may be imposed for violating the provisions of this policy.

Printed name of Defense Attorney: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____

Secure email address: _____

Additionally, the following personnel associated with my office are authorized to pick up offense reports, documents, and other information on my behalf. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the District Attorney's office of any changes to this list. I further understand that personnel not listed below will not be authorized to pick up on my behalf.

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Signature of Attorney _____ Date _____